

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 16, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

On page 16, the Office Action only "objects" to dependent claims 32-34. The Office Action advises that they would be allowable if they were rewritten in the independent form.

In order to secure patent without further prosecution, the present Amendment cancels objected-to claim 32 and transfers its subject matter (in somewhat modified form) to claim 1. Claim 1 thus now corresponds to objected-to claim 32 in independent form. Similarly, the present Amendment cancels objected-to claims 33 and 34, and transfers their subject matter (in somewhat modified form) to independent claims 12 and 20. As a result, claims 12 and 20 now correspond to objected-to claims 33 and 34 in independent form. The present Amendment also revises dependent claim 12, which depends from independent claim 11, to make claim 17 consistent with the revised version of claim 12, without repetition.

Despite the modifications that have been made, which are believed to improve the claims by avoiding excess verbiage, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 12, and 20 still define inventions that are patentable over the Klein reference and the prior art acknowledged in the present application (AAPA).

The remaining claims are dependent claims that recite further limitations to further define the inventions of the independent claims. They are therefore automatically patentable along with their independent claims and need not be further discussed.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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